Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Homeownership provides the foundation upon which vital communities, stable neighborhoods, secure family bases, healthy childhoods, and personal dreams are built; and,

Whereas, Economic development and social and civic leaders statewide continue to stress the importance and value of homeownership in strengthening and maintaining our communities and our society; and,

Whereas, Homeownership opportunities depend upon partnerships, including homebuilders, realtors, land developers, lenders, governments, and schools working together; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota rate of homeownership of 71.5 percent exceeds the national rate of homeownership of 67.9 percent; and,

Whereas, South Dakota, through the South Dakota Housing Development Authority, strives to provide affordable homeownership development and financing thereby increasing homeownership opportunities; and,

Whereas, Over 56,000 South Dakota families have received home loans through the South Dakota Housing Development Authority; and,

Whereas, South Dakota strives to continue to increase homeownership opportunities in our state by recognizing the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and its partners and challenges them to continue their efforts:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2003, as

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State